

national distinctions in the fields of medicine and surgery, engineering, mathematics, journalism, business, and the arts. They were children of the Great Depression, who came mostly from poor families and had to struggle to get on the first rung of the ladder of achievement. But, they were inspired by family tradition to study and work hard and, therefore, to go on to self-made success.

These Glory Grads never forgot the opportunities they were given by the country to which their parents came as immigrants. They have paid their dues many times over. The great majority of male class members served in World War II. They made their way up in professional and business careers. They also became leaders in community and civic organizations and have been unusually generous in their philanthropies.

I wish to extend special congratulations and felicitations to the chairman of the reunion committee, Stanley H. Kaplan, a friend of long standing and founder of the international chain of test-prep centers that bears his name. I congratulate, too, the members of the reunion committee, including Marty Glickman, famed sportscaster and hero of the Madison Gridiron and track oval; Martin Abramson, prize-winning author and war correspondent; businessmen Winn Heimer and Sidney Thomsahower, and travel consultant Anita Foran Fine.

I salute "Mr. Basketball Coach," Jammy Moskowitz, a spry 92, who will be making the trip from Florida to New York to attend the reunion. I also salute Principal Wendy Karp and director of alumni relations, Sonya Lerner, without whose cooperation, this return to James Madison would not have been successful.

I salute the Glory Grads. May they have many years of good health, happiness, and continued friendship.

AMERICAN CIVILIZATION TAKES A GIANT STEP BACKWARD

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 1995

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, movement toward universal health care coverage was the centerpiece of the Clinton health plan during the 103d session of Congress. Concern with the achievement of that ideal generated great complexity in the proposal prepared by the administration. It was a noble plan in pursuit of a most compassionate purpose. Among the industrialized nations our Government stands almost alone in its refusal to sponsor universal health care coverage. In this 104th Congress the majority has chosen to catapult our American civilization further backward and away from the health care coverage of the poor provided by the Medicaid entitlement. To end the provision of health care for the poorest Americans would be a barbaric act. Nevertheless the plan for this heartless public deed is going forward.

If the Republican health care bill is passed thousands of Americans who now have health care coverage will lose it. The Republicans are giving notice to the uncovered that when the Declaration of Independence declared that all men have a right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" it did not mean them.

This mean and extreme position cannot be accepted. The tree of life must be allowed to bloom for every human soul. Attached is a summary of the notice that the Republicans are sending to the uncovered.

REPUBLICAN NOTICE TO THE UNCOVERED

Health and happiness
The majority can pursue
But the tree of life
We won't let bloom for you
The medicine
Modern miracles make
Not available for your sake
A dose of penicillin
Cost less than a penny
With no HMO
You don't get any
Why should the government
Pay everybody's doctor bills
Only the evil poor
Contract expensive ills
Drugs cost dollars
The uncovered can't pay
On this beautiful earth
Not everybody
Is scheduled to stay
Health and happiness
The majority can pursue
But the tree of life
We won't let bloom for you
Your days of strife
Our policies renew
O say can you see
Your liberty to die free
From heavenly hospitals
Mothers hustle your
Discharged babies home quick
Abuse will be charged
If you let them get sick
For the elderly
It is wise to stay well
Unregulated nursing homes
Will be harder than hell
Health and happiness
The majority can pursue
But the tree of life
We won't bloom for you.

BRIDGEHAMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT 100TH ANNIVERSARY REMARKS

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 1995

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to congratulate the men and women of the Bridgehampton Fire Department for 100 years of dedicated service to the people of Bridgehampton. The residents of the Bridgehampton Fire District are very fortunate to have such a well-trained and devoted fire department. The Bridgehampton Fire Department worked hard to establish itself as one of the best departments in New York and has achieved an impeccable record.

The success of the fire department is a direct result of the selfless dedication and effective management displayed by its members. Under the leadership of Chairman Clifford Foster, the fire department has continued to play an active role in the life of the Bridgehampton community. This leadership umbrella extends to the other members of the board of fire commissioners: William Babinski, Howell H. Topping, Fred Wilford and James McCaffrey, as well as the loyalty and hard work exemplified by Chief Officer John O'Brien, First Assistant Robert Comfort and

Second Assistant Richard Thare. The Bridgehampton Fire Department consists of more than 100 professional volunteer firefighters, containing no paid employees, offering further evidence of their passion and commitment to the community they serve.

On Saturday, June 17, 1995, the Bridgehampton Fire Department celebrated its 100th anniversary with a parade, marking a long proud history by recognizing and honoring the efforts of those who have sacrificed and served the department and community over the years. Therefore Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask the rest of the House to join me in congratulating this all-volunteer fire department on achieving this momentous milestone. This is a much-deserved tribute and I wish them all the best on their day of recognition and glory. They give of themselves because of the love and pride they share for their community and we applaud their extraordinary service and efforts. These courageous individuals have truly earned this recognition. May they continue to serve their community for the many hundred years to come.

MALONEY HONORS GEORGE DELIS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 1995

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a wonderful event that will be taking place in my district this weekend.

On Saturday, October 14th the Broadway-Astoria Merchants & Professionals Association will be holding their 15th Annual Dinner Dance. This year's dinner dance will pay tribute to Mr. George Delis as the Association's Man of the Year.

The life of George Delis is one of those classic American success stories. Born in Greece in 1945, George's parents left Greece to move to the United States when George was still very young. In 1962, the entire Delis family moved from Manhattan to the Astoria section of Queens, and they still live there today. I am proud to represent this wonderful community in the U.S. Congress.

George Delis' contributions to Queens are well known throughout the community. After graduation from college, George was hired by the Youth Services Agency as a youth counselor. This marked the beginning of a life devoted to helping out both those in need and the community in which he lives.

In 1974, George was appointed to Community Board 1, and was hired as district manager of the board in 1977. George wrote the proposal for the Motion Picture Museum and has worked for the development of the Steinway Industrial area, which in turn became the single largest industrial development in Queens.

In addition, George has played a large part in the organization of the Greater Astoria Historical Society, the 30th Avenue Merchants Association, and the Colon Council. He is married to Terri Angelis, a public school teacher from Forest Hills.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending George.